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Riley Denied: 68 percent vote 'No'

Despite Riley's final efforts to rally support, voters send clear message

By Danni Lusk

The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

Despite Gov. Riley's recent tour of Alabama in an effort to convince Alabamians to pass the largest tax hike in state history, the majority of voters said no.

Riley's tax tour took him to town squares and churches across the state, with the intention of promoting his \$1.2 billion tax increase.

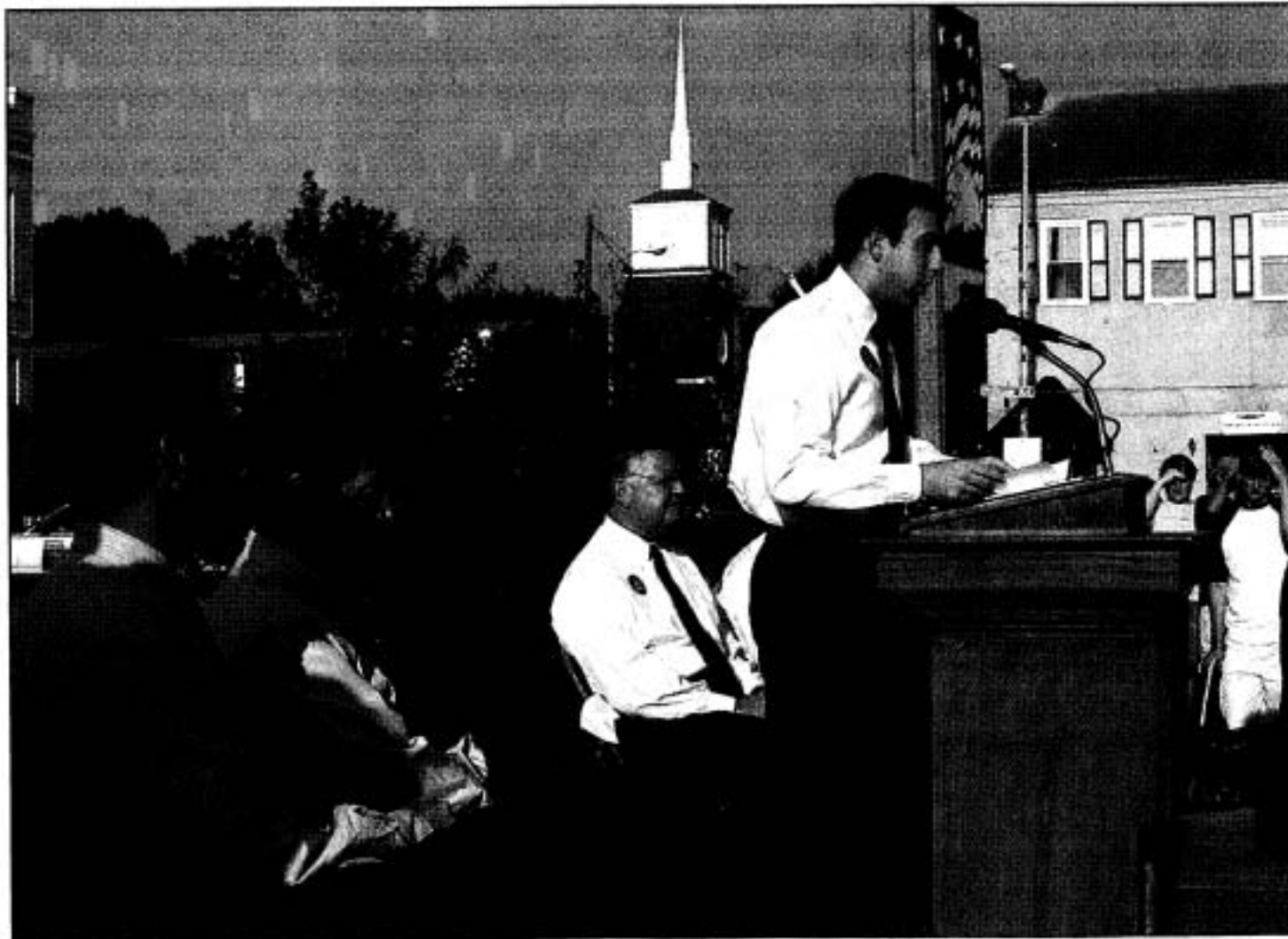
The increase would have included higher taxes on car and appliance maintenance, cigarettes and property, among other things. Although the plan called for increases in many areas, some Alabamians would have received tax breaks on their state returns, according to the Alabama Partnership for Progress.

Supporters like the Alabama Partnership for Progress said Riley's plan would "help build a better Alabama" by raising money for education.

But opponents, such as the Alabama Tax Accountability Coalition, said money could be saved if politicians would cut their wasteful spending.

And voters agreed by a 2-1 margin.

In Calhoun County alone, 68



Courtesy JSU News Bureau/Al Harris

SGA President Chris Cook speaks at Governor Riley's Tax Reform Rally last Thursday. The rally, held on the Jacksonville Square, was part of Riley's last-ditch effort to encourage voters to vote yes in Tuesday's referendum.

"It's indicative of the people in support first-class education and disagreed

results. "I think it didn't pass because people didn't like the idea of having to vote on one big tax package," he said.

Caroline Novak, Alabama Partnership for Progress chairperson, thinks it's not that Alabamians don't want change, it's their "paralyzing distrust" of the state's politicians. "If our state is ever to move forward," she said in a recent statement on the organization's Web site, "our leaders must work to repair the breach of confidence that decades of cynicism has created."

Riley has said he will do what the voters want him to by making cuts. Cuts could include releasing 5,000 inmates, decreasing medications for mentally ill patients and cutting nursing home care for the elderly.

On a University level, JSU President William A. Meehan has said cuts could include tuition hikes and placing a hiring freeze on departments, preventing more faculty and staff from being hired.

"We need to sit back and look at the message the voters have sent," said Dr. Harvey Jackson III, head of the History and Foreign Languages Department. "Meanwhile, we

"Just like with the lottery

In Calhoun County alone, 68 percent said no to the plan.

In Jacksonville though, the vote was a little closer. Of 3,097 votes, 52 percent were yes and 48 percent no.

"It's indicative of the people in Jacksonville are very pro-education," said Joe Serviss, Vice-President of Institutional Advancement. "They understand that it takes money to sup-

port first-class education and other services and I believe that's why you will see a majority voted yes."

But the state's 53% of voters that turned out for the election

disagreed.

"I think the reason it didn't pass is because nobody wants to be taxed any more than they have to," said Jordan Brewer, a senior communication student.

"Just like with the lottery, everybody seems to vote 'no' on everything. Nobody seems to want any change."

SGA President Chris Cook cited another reason for the

Departement. "Meanwhile, we need to get ready to do some significant cutting."

Throughout this campaign, SGA President Chris Cook

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Americans feel no safer two years after Sept. 11

By Frank Davies

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Two years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, most Americans feel no safer from terrorist threats despite the war on terrorism, efforts at homeland security and the invasion of Iraq, according to a survey released Tuesday.

In a poll conducted last week, 28 percent said they felt less safe than they did two years ago, 48 percent said they were neither safer nor less safe and 24 percent said they felt more safe.

In addition, a trend-line question asked repeatedly over the two years since the attacks shows a steady level of concern about more terrorist attacks at between 70 percent and 80 percent. Last week's poll showed that 73 percent were concerned about the possibility of additional attacks on the United States.

A majority of those surveyed think the Bush administration is overemphasizing military and unilateral actions in the war on terrorism and should put more emphasis on diplomatic and economic methods.

And 64 percent said the U.S. military presence in the Middle East increased rather than decreased the likelihood of terrorist attacks against the United States. Also, 58 per-

cent agree with the statement that "the United States is playing the role of world policeman in the Middle East more than it should be."

A similar poll by ABC News, also released this week, found that 48 percent said the Iraq war increased the risk of terrorist attacks, while 40 percent said it reduced the risk.

While the University of Maryland survey reveals criticism of some Bush administration policies, it also shows a steady level of support for the president.

Only 26 percent said they were less likely to vote for Bush in 2004 because of his handling of the war on terrorism, while 41 percent said they were more likely and 31 said his war policies had no effect on how they would vote.

"We're still seeing a rally-'round-the-president effect," said Steve Kull, the director of the program. "After all, we are at war."

Bush administration officials have argued that the Iraq war would help transform the Middle East and reduce the threat of global terrorism.

"We are fighting that enemy in Iraq and Afghanistan today, so that we do not meet him again on our own streets, in our own cities," Bush said in his speech to the nation Sunday.

JSUPD cars receive face-lift

\$900 later University police cars have 'more visible' logos

By Daniel Spratlin

The Chanticleer Contributing Editor

You might have seen an unfamiliar police car or two driving around campus lately. Well, get used to seeing them. The University Police Department is rolling out new designs for the outside and the inside of its patrol cars.

UPD just shelled out almost \$900 to redesign the exterior of its patrol cars. "It's much more visible than the old design, which didn't say 'Police' or anything. When people want the police, they want the police. With the new design, there is no question of who we are," said Sgt. Carl Preuninger, UPD sergeant of patrol operations. "It's right there on the car."

But the design of the graphics isn't the only part of the patrol car undergoing change. "We are also installing new LED lightbars," said Preuninger. "They are expensive, but in the long run, it is much more cost-effective than halogen or strobes."

Although top-of-the-line LED lightbars can run about \$1,800 each, every LED



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Jacksonville State's University Police are sporting a new look (left) on their squad cars. With the new design UPD cars are easily distinguishable. The department felt that their former design (right) was less visible and did not identify them as police. The redesign cost almost \$900.

bulb is guaranteed to last 100,000 hours, and they are much brighter than halogen or strobes. Preuninger explained, "Not only do we not have to worry about replacing them all the time, but they draw less amps," therefore putting less strain on the car's battery. They are also much sleeker and smaller compared to the taller halogen lightbars currently outfitted on UPD patrol cars.

On the inside, UPD is getting ready to put in a complete communications system. With this new system, an officer out on the road can immediately access a nation-

al database of criminal information called the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). NCIC enables the officer to input information about a person, such as a license plate, name, social security, license number, or many other variables, and instantly get information on that person regarding warrants and arrest history.

"This will greatly reduce the workload on our student dispatchers," said Preuninger. He explained that it will also improve officer safety while on patrol.

"We are also experimenting with different locations

and tones for our sirens," explained Preuninger, "trying to find out which position and tones attract the most attention and alert the most people."

In the past, there have been wrecks involving emergency vehicles colliding with innocent motorists, who complained that they didn't hear the siren until it was too late.

UPD plans on having the first car completely outfitted and ready to go by November. That car will serve as a model for the other patrol cars to follow.

By the numbers:

Number of Calhoun County residents who voted in Tuesday's referendum:

31,012

Gamecock Scoreboard:

Soccer:

Sept. 9 - JSU 2, UTC 0

Friday - vs. Lipscomb 7 p.m.

Volleyball:

Sept. 9 - UTC 3, JSU 1

Football:

Saturday - vs. UNA 7 p.m., 91.9 FM

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Despite the addition of 159 new spaces at Stone Center and Daugette Hall, many parking lots are still crowded like this one at Stone Center in the morning.

Parking problems persist

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

With the addition of 159 new parking spaces on campus in crucial areas like Daugette Hall and Stone Center, it would seem that Jacksonville State's parking woes are over. Daugette Hall residents are happy and comfortable with their new lot. But are the cluttered lots of Stone Center and Merrill Building a thing of the past or a harsh reality of a problem bigger than space?

In January, Logan Construction was awarded the \$735,000 contract to

Student Judiciary Council heard over 50 ticket appeals at the first appeals meeting, many of which came from residents of Daugette Hall.

"As of right now we have about 130 residents, and as far as parking, it has improved drastically," said Daugette residence hall director Natasha Cunningham. "We're very excited about our new parking spots because they look good, and it's a great asset."

The only concern that residents of Daugette seem to have is the congestion that will be caused on football game days and outside grad-

dents to get decals to alleviate problems from last year," Cunningham stated, "and this fall parking seems a lot easier than last year."

Although the parking issue has been alleviated at Daugette Hall and areas around Trustee Circle, congestion seems to build each year in the area near Stone Center, Brewer Hall and Merrill Building. Tim Smith, director of Institutional Effectiveness plans to do some in-depth studies about the underlying problems JSU may have with parking.

"I hate to use the term park-

ing issues of JSU's parking problems.

Logistical barriers that impede progress in the area of parking are the number of cars coming in and out of, several areas on campus, and the continued traffic that goes up and down Highway 21. Each year, the SGA encourages "Walk to Class Wednesday." Walking to class is one of several things that could curb the congestion in these areas.

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness plans to do a study to analyze how the traffic flow moves on campus from building to build-

Gov. Riley pushes tax plan at local rally on the square

Speakers included SGA President Chris Cook and University President William A. Meehan

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Features Editor

"All of this is about those of you who are students," said JSU President Bill Meehan last Thursday at the tax reform rally in Jacksonville City Square. Other government officials, including Gov. Bob Riley, had gathered there to inform the citizens of Jacksonville about the proposed tax reform plan.

About 600 students and local residents, including the marching bands and cheerleaders from JSU and local high schools, attended the event.

At the beginning of the rally, Dr. Meehan, SGA president Chris Cook and other officials distributed information and stickers, encouraging people to vote yes.

"I want to ask you why would someone work so hard to keep Alabama where it has been for 40 years?" said Gov. Riley.

According to Riley, it

would be enough money to make Alabama's education system the best, not in Alabama, but in America. "In six years, with 340 million dollars, Alabama can have the best reading scores in the whole country," according to Riley.

"Rationalize in your own mind how this is going to impact the whole state. When somebody, somewhere in the United States says, if you want the very best education system in America, you've got to live in Alabama," said Riley. "Once that statement becomes reality, we Alabamians are the most competitive people on the face of this earth. If we are ever number one, we will never give it up again, but we've got to get there first."

Riley assured the crowd that taxes wouldn't rise as high as the plan's opponents were saying, but they would be rising. Where now an average homeowner pays \$100 in state prop-

Construction was awarded the \$735,000 contract to pave 73 spaces in the area beside Daugette Hall and create a new parking lot south of Stone Center that would accommodate 86 spaces. The project was completed just in time for the first day of class.

Residents of Daugette Hall no longer have to compete with surrounding students, faculty and staff for parking spaces. The addition of parking is a great improvement to the area near Daugette Hall. Last year the

will be caused on football game days and outside graduations at Paul Snow Stadium. "Football games are only for one day out of the week, so we are still very pleased with our new parking," said Cunningham. "We have own little area and plenty of spaces for all of us to park now, so we don't have any complaints."

Cunningham stated that this year less of her residents have cars and that ticketing has not been an issue. "I have encouraged my resi-

parking.

"I hate to use the term parking problem," Smith stated, "If you look at the number of spaces and distances from classroom facilities in relation to the average university, We're going to be ok."

Smith stated that many of JSU's issues are more logistical and difficult to remedy because of Highway 21 running through the campus. With a major highway virtually splitting the campus into two halves, walkability becomes one of the underly-

traffic flow moves on campus from building to building. "At our busiest times, we have about 3,000 students getting out of class around the same time and trying to make it to another class at the same time," Smith said.

Smith wants to look at these peak times and try to formulate some type of data that will gauge the utilization of campus buildings at certain times in the day versus how many parking spaces are in those areas. With this in-

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years," said Gov. Riley.

According to Riley, it doesn't make sense that, while Alabama is located in the fastest growing part of America, our system doesn't work as it works in other states. "We have dysfunctional systems and models that have become obstacles to our success. It is time with this one vote to remove those obstacles and change Alabama the way it is today," said Riley.

Riley said that with his reform package, there

now an average homeowner pays \$100 in state property tax, with this plan they would pay \$106 in 2004 and the next year \$112. Five years from now the taxes would be \$128 more. "Is it worth \$128 to build the best education system in the America? I think so," said Riley.

"I'm one who is tired of being last. I want to be first. If you believe that, it will happen," stated Riley to the cheering audience.

CAMPUS CRIME

April 28 – Zachary Blume, 18, reported his cell phone stolen from the Student Health Center.

• Sept. 3 – Melissa Lawson, 22, reported a textbook and \$800 in cash stolen from her Campus Inn Apartment.

Sept. 4 – Michael Paul King, 24, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Chestnut Station.

• Sept. 5 – Karla B. Heinkle, 18, reported her checkbook stolen at Dixon Hall.

Sept. 5 – Jonathan Dale Courington, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for possession of marijuana occurring on Trustee Circle.

Sept. 5 – Dominic Waller Preston, 20, was arrested by JSUPD for possession of marijuana occurring on Trustee Circle.

• Sept. 7 – Kenneth Deshad Brown, 19, reported approximately \$1,465 worth of personal items stolen from his vehicle in the parking lot of Penn House Apartments.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **JSU Peer Educators** will host a "Health Fair" Sept. 16, 10 a.m. in TMB Auditorium. RMC Wellness bus will be in front of the TMB to provide blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes screenings. Gold's Gym, Calhoun County Health Department, County Extension Services and Counseling Career Services will be on site. **Contact:** Norma Penny, npenny@jsucc.jsu.edu.

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Less than a thousand to go

At 9,031 students, JSU's goal of 10,000 is getting closer every semester, according to latest enrollment numbers

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

JSU recorded the second-highest accepted-new-student application count in 11 years this past July. This count was second only to last year's count for fall semester 2002. After a 6 percent increase in enrollment last fall, JSU has finally surpassed the 9,000 mark.

JSU's Office of Institutional Effectiveness released an official enrollment count of 9,031 this past Monday. The increase in enrollment was only about 1 percent this year, mostly attributed to graduate enrollment. One of the factors that continues to drive JSU's increased enrollment is affordability.

"JSU cannot discount the fact that, of all the institutions in the state, we have maintained the lowest tuition and still offer a high quality education," said Tim Smith, director of Institutional Effectiveness.

The percentage of growth comes from a swell in graduate enrollment. "The percentage in graduate enrollment comes from the education program," said Smith. "There are many financial incentives for educators to get graduate degrees. They can better themselves and pursue high ranks in pay and be more qualified."

According to University

officials, Jacksonville seems to be holding its own in undergraduate enrollment. The eventual goal of 10,000, however, may be a far cry away. State funding may be one the major things to hinder university growth.

"It will be difficult to broaden the number and breadth of undergraduate courses," said Smith. "We need additional resources in that area for entry-level courses. However, we have very low room to expand without additional resources to provide additional classroom space and instructors."

Other things that may impede university growth are funding to expand graduate programs and facility space and compression issues. The University has dealt with trying to find appropriate space for the appropriate time of day for many years.

"It's not that we don't have space. For instance, if you wanted to offer more night-time classes, you could offer significantly more," Smith said, "because we are less utilized at night. We have to increase the utilization capacity of our peak time."

Currently JSU has a peak capacity window from about 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The key to university growth is the addition of courses and resources during the peak capacity area. The University is faced with

funding issues from all facets. They must compete to hire highly qualified individuals to teach and to keep current faculty and staff members.

Additional on-campus housing is another area that will need to increase in order to accommodate 10,000 students. "We have lost some bed-space because of having to accommodate administrative offices. Curtiss Hall is being used for administrative and classroom space," said Smith. Smith believes another factor may be the lack of affordable housing in the Jacksonville community.

JSU has maintained a steady growth percentage over the past years and seems to continue its climb to 10,000. The University has many obstacles to overcome in its climb to that summit. However, steady growth is a good thing. "Recruiters have told me that if prospective students actually come to the campus and then visit other universities, that they are more likely to attend JSU," Smith said.

Jacksonville's dedication to low tuition and the attractiveness of the campus facilities have been major factors in increased enrollment. The future only knows what is in store for JSU's enrollment numbers.

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depth study Smith hopes he can provide this information to administrators to find a better way to help the parking situation.

One of the things that will be done through the office will include an accurate inventory of JSU's parking spaces and an accurate count of availability and types of spaces.

"I characterize our problem as a logistical problem more than a parking problem," said Smith. "Parking is just a symptom of what's underlying." The solution to JSU's parking situation doesn't seem to be more paving, but a better scheduling of classes in highly congested areas such as Stone Center and Merrill Building.

JSU has never seriously considered any type of student classification stipulation about bringing cars to campus. That would definitely be a last resort to remedying the parking situation. The main thing that will help parking is knowledge of what things hinder its progress. "I think that part of the problem is that someone like me who works in Bibb Graves and doesn't get out onto campus thinks 'What parking problem?'" Smith said, "But we need to compare areas of campus and look at some of our traffic-flow issues."

While residents at Daugette Hall are happy about the addition of parking in their area, students traveling to and from congested areas like Stone Center, may one day find relief from other measures. The University is constantly looking for ways to improve parking, and it may not be found in paving, but in taking it back to the streets by walking to class – not just on Wednesdays, but every day.

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supported Riley's plan.

"On a professional level, I supported it because I saw how it would benefit our university," he said. "But now we have to backtrack."

It's that "backtracking" that has Serviss concerned about what comes next. "We will have to look at the budget when it comes

out and how deeply it will affect the University," he said. "And I'm a bit anxious, to be perfectly honest, and very concerned at what we're going to face."

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Army empties first chemical weapons storage bunker in Anniston

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

ANNISTON, Ala. — The Army has finished removing rockets containing nerve agent from the first of about 150 bunkers at the Anniston Army Depot, officials said Monday.

The last 50 rockets from the bunker will be moved to the Army's incinerator

for later destruction.

"We're pleased to have these rockets off our storage books, so to speak," said Lt. Col. Robert E. Jones, commander of the chemical weapons center. "Our shipments have gone smoothly with no problems, and although we have many more shipments ahead of us, it's good to have this first event to cel-

brate."

The concrete bunkers containing some 2,254 tons of deadly nerve agent have been buried at the depot for decades. The Army's \$1 billion incinerator began destroying the weapons last month over the protests of some local residents and environmental groups.

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OPINION

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In Our View

Don't take freedom for granted

Heated debates about taxes and government spending. Complaints about traffic and parking. The circus masquerading as the California gubernatorial race. The big football games this weekend.

Two short years ago, who could have believed such mundane topics would be foremost on the minds of JSU students this week?

Wasn't the world supposed to change after that darkest of days in 2001?

In many ways, a lot has changed. The American people have given up a certain measure of personal privacy in order to gain a little more security. We open our purses and bags to searches at concerts, sporting events and anywhere else where large groups of people will be present. And we take it for granted.

Airline pilots are now locked safely behind secure doors. Young passengers can no longer visit the cockpit during flights. And if anyone ever tries to hijack an American plane, they can rest assured that very few people on that flight will quietly play the role of quiet, well-behaved hostage. And yet, we take it for granted.

There are a lot more flags around than there used to be. Red, white and blue are trendy colors to use in advertising and product design. We certainly seem to be much more patriotic as a nation than we were before the Towers fell. Still, it's something many of us take for granted.

America has fought and won two wars since 2001. Though the major military campaigns are over in Afghanistan and Iraq, our troops are still in harm's way. But the almost daily casualty reports are no longer worthy of screaming headlines, reduced instead to a sentence or two on the evening news or a small paragraph in the local paper. It's a sure sign that many Americans are even taking war for granted.

But for the families of those lost on Sept. 11, the loved ones of our soldiers who have fallen in combat, and those thousands of young men and women now serving their country in the Middle East, there is very little that they can afford to take for granted.

If you do nothing else today, remember them.

They have paid – and are still paying – a steep price for the privilege of being an American. For them, the idea of freedom is more than standard rhetoric for political speeches. It is something very real. Something worth fighting for.

And that's something none of us should ever take for granted.

Alabama has spoken, someone needs to listen

Well, it's over. The people have spoken ... and it wasn't even close.

Gov. Riley's ambitious tax reform package was voted down Tuesday by a decisive 450,000-vote margin.

As a supporter of the Riley plan, it would be very easy for me to spend this column pooh-poohing about what might have been. But I refuse to do that. And to be honest, I will look poorly on anyone else I see doing that, especially if that person holds public office.

We don't need our leaders to panic or grandstand. We just need our leaders to get to work.

Whining about a problem doesn't make the problem go away, and right now, I think most voters can agree that Alabama has its fair share of problems. Chief among those problems is the fact we don't trust our politicians as far as we can throw them.

The past few weeks have certainly not helped their cause.

Many who voted against the plan recognize the need for reform and, yes, even new revenue. But they refused to give Montgomery one dime – let alone \$1.2 billion – out of fear the politicians would just spend it on their favorite pork projects. They wanted accountability first, and new taxes later.

Additionally, Riley and other pro-reform leaders have been accused of blowing Alabama's fiscal situation out of proportion. As Jacksonville's Rep. Lea

By Gary Lewis
The Chanticleer
Managing Editor



Fite told the Anniston Star Tuesday night, now that the plan has been defeated, "People will be affected a little bit, but it will not be as bad as the 'vote yes' people have been saying."

If that is true, then why did Fite keep his silence until now? If he felt Alabama citizens were being lied to, why didn't he let us know BEFORE the referendum? Why didn't he tell Jacksonville's voters – who voted yes by a 52-to-48 percent margin – that there was no need to worry?

The reason, I fear, is that he, like many other politicians, didn't want to stick his neck out, in case the vote went the other way.

Alabama's legislators

approved sending the reform package to the voters by an overwhelming margin. Then they became curiously silent. Those who opposed the plan could have taken a stand and told their con-

stituents, "I believe this is a bad plan, and I don't support it for these (clearly defined) reasons, but I'm sending it to you, the voters, so you can decide for yourself."

Those who supported the plan could have allayed the fears of their constituents by explaining how a yes vote would benefit their district. They could have explained – without resorting to shock tactics – why a no vote would be a bad thing.

Instead, with few exceptions, legislators on both sides chose to let the governor, universities and special interest groups fight it out, while they kept their silence. It was as if they were saying, "I don't want to come out on the wrong side of this whole tax thing, so I'm going to hide my head in the sand until it's over. That way, I can still count on your vote!"

Gov. Riley, if nothing else, was at least willing to stick his

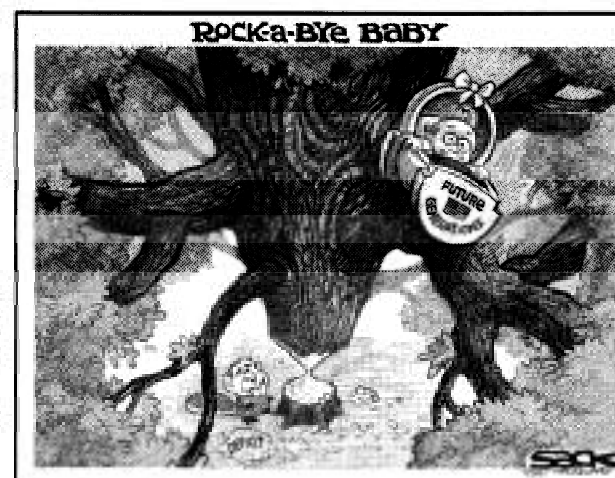
neck out, chancing political suicide as a conservative Republican by campaigning for a tax increase he felt was necessary. Tuesday night, with election returns clearly showing his reform package was crashing and burning in spectacular fashion, Riley sounded anything but downtrodden. Instead, in his concession speech he sounded like a man on a mission.

"The people of Alabama have said they want an honest government," Riley said, "and we're going to give that to them. The people have said they want a level of accountability – a government we can trust – and we're going to give them that. The people have said we want a smaller government, and that begins tomorrow."

Actually, it will begin Monday, when the Legislature will be called into special session to pass a budget for the coming year. They'll have to make some cuts. Everyone agrees on that much, at least. Whether those cuts will affect students, senior citizens, mentally ill patients, prisoners or the pork projects of Montgomery fat cats and special interests remains to be seen.

The people have spoken. They want Montgomery to get its butt in gear.

Let's hope Montgomery was paying attention.



IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"Have the additional parking lots helped the



"Have the additional parking lots helped the parking problem?"

--Compiled by
Gary Lewis
Managing Editor



James Darden
Junior
Criminal justice

"I don't know. It hasn't helped me any."



Alex McCreless
Sophomore
Criminal justice/forensics

"No, it would've helped if everyone hadn't decided to drive this year."



Eddie Moses
Senior
Music/art

"No, when I go to Hammond, I park in front of TMB cause I know there are no spots there."



Cary Poarch
Sophomore
Music education

"Yeah, I think so. More parking is needed anywhere we can get it."



Kendall Taylor
Sophomore
Music education

"I try to walk everywhere, so I haven't noticed."

AmeriCorps cuts mean loss of thank-you for those who serve U.S.

By Jane Eisner

Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

In June, when word of the dramatic funding crisis threatening the nation's premier service program was seeping out of Washington, I received a phone call from Hong Mei Li. The 22-year-old Philadelphia resident had just finished college and was deferring graduate school — she was accepted into a program for a doctorate in chemistry — to teach science for two years in a tough school in Baltimore.

She was following the script that breathes life into the American dream every time we think it is fading. Family emigrates from China. Works hard. Succeeds. Wants to reach out and help others.

"People think that kids from underprivileged schools don't have potential," she told me. "It's not true. My family is an example. We didn't have anything, and we did well. Now I have this urge to help out the school system and make a big impact. As much as I grow, I will give back."

But Hong Mei Li was worried. Her two-year stint in the classroom was sponsored by Teach for America, which uses AmeriCorps funding to offer an education grant to each member after a year of work. And AmeriCorps was facing budget cuts that threatened its very existence. Would her grant survive?

I listened, and frankly, thought her concerns overblown. George and Laura Bush had gushed over Teach for America. Surely it would be protected.

Besides, the education grants were so modest,

the need so undeniable. Our nation does not exactly have a surplus of well-educated, enthusiastic people willing to teach in the most-distressed schools.

How wrong I was. Even the acclaimed Teach for America has not been spared from the thoughtless politics in Washington right now. The program was told last month that it would receive no AmeriCorps funding this year.

That means Hong Mei Li and more than 3,000 other recruits will be forced to forgo their modest reward for serving their nation.

Perhaps this would be easier to accept if Teach for America had been singled out. Not so. City Year lost more than half of its AmeriCorps allocation and will have to eliminate education grants for as many as one-third of its members. The National Association of Service and Conservation Corps learned just last week that it faces a 62 percent cut in its award budget.

At a time when the cost of higher education is climbing faster than the poolside thermometer, especially at the public colleges and universities most Americans attend, Congress is foolishly killing a worthy way for many young people to finance some of their education. At a time when they are heeding the President's call to serve in record numbers, the President himself is doing nothing while his comrades on Capitol Hill strip his words of all credibility.

The AmeriCorps funding crisis — caused by accounting errors, partisan pettiness, and, mostly, an overabundance of those who want to serve — has meant that efforts to tutor underprivileged children, clean up parks, and provide homeland

security in many communities have been eliminated or scaled back. Affected community groups have protested more loudly this summer than the Bush administration ever anticipated.

Even in cases where the award will be paid, it's only \$4,725, a value that has been diminished by inflation. The dollar amount has not been increased since 1994, when AmeriCorps began.

Back then it was expected to pay for a year at a public institution; now it will barely cover a semester at the main campus of Penn State.

Still, it means a great deal to many of those serving. And contrary to the zealous, ill-informed critics of AmeriCorps, who love to decry it as some sort of welfare for yuppie kids, this cutback is hitting a struggling America with the force of a late-summer storm.

Of the 24,000 young men and women enrolled in NASCC, for instance, 55 percent come from homes with annual incomes of less than \$15,000. Half don't even have a high school diploma. They are people like Rick Schosield, 20, whose juvenile parole officer referred him to a NASCC program in Ohio where he's been working in a state park and straightening out his life.

"I wanted to be the first one in the family to go to college," he told me. "Now I found out they no longer have the education award. ... It's kind of like being cheated."

Maybe the Bush twins can afford to perform the two years of service their father has requested without the modest compensation offered by AmeriCorps, and the incentive of an education

award to help pay for college or pay off a loan. But to expect most young Americans to make that sacrifice is the height of arrogance.

"I feel very disappointed," said Beth Boucher, 22, a new City Year corps member in New Hampshire who was hoping the education award would help her pay off more than \$20,000 in college loans. "We aren't rich people. We're willing to volunteer our time. And now this small amount of money is being held from us."

A 100-hour "round-the-clock" demonstration of support for AmeriCorps will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at various sites on Capitol Hill. With speakers from as far away as Alaska and Mississippi, the event is designed to underscore the grassroots support for national service when there's still time for Congress to make amends for the mischief it has caused.

And, perhaps, still time to reverse the painful disillusionment of young people like Beth Boucher and Rick Schosield and Hong Mei Li, who hear national leaders exhort in one breath and take away in another. I hope this sorry episode hasn't diminished their idealism, their drive to better themselves and the communities they serve. They deserve much more than we're giving them.

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'Real World' sets things straight at JSU

Real or not, you decide

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Features Editor

"I don't see us as famous at all. I'm happy of all the opportunities it ("The Real World") has given us, but we are still the same people, we still have the same friends and all," MTV's "Real World" cast member Alton said, during a question-and-answer session sponsored by the SGA last Thursday night.

JSU students finally had an opportunity to ask all those juicy questions about each of the three cast members and their lives from watching the show. About 300 students came to the event, according to Mardracus Russell, the SGA's Vice President of Student Activities.

The first cast member to arrive was Steven, who entertained students for an hour until Trishelle and Alton finally arrived, their flight delayed due to weather.

Steven, 23, from Texas, was one of seven cast members on the 12th season of "Real World Las Vegas." He supported himself through business school working as a topless bartender in a popular Texas gay bar. He is also known as "the slut" on the show, which is how he likes to refer himself as well. Before "Real World" he fell in love and got married at age 22, which had a very positive influence on his life. Unfortunately the marriage didn't work, and Steven was going through divorce when the filming started.

One of the highlights during the season was the big fight between Steven and Brynn. "I

were not dating," Steven insisted to the audience. Even though people watching the show might have their own idea, this was one of the only questions that never really got answered—did they or didn't they date?

Trishelle, 22, from Louisiana, grew up basically as an only child, 11 years younger than her half sister. Her mother raised her Southern Baptist and took her to church four times a week. Unfortunately, her mother died when she was only 14. With only a few classes left at the University of Southern Mississippi, Trishelle was cast to the show.

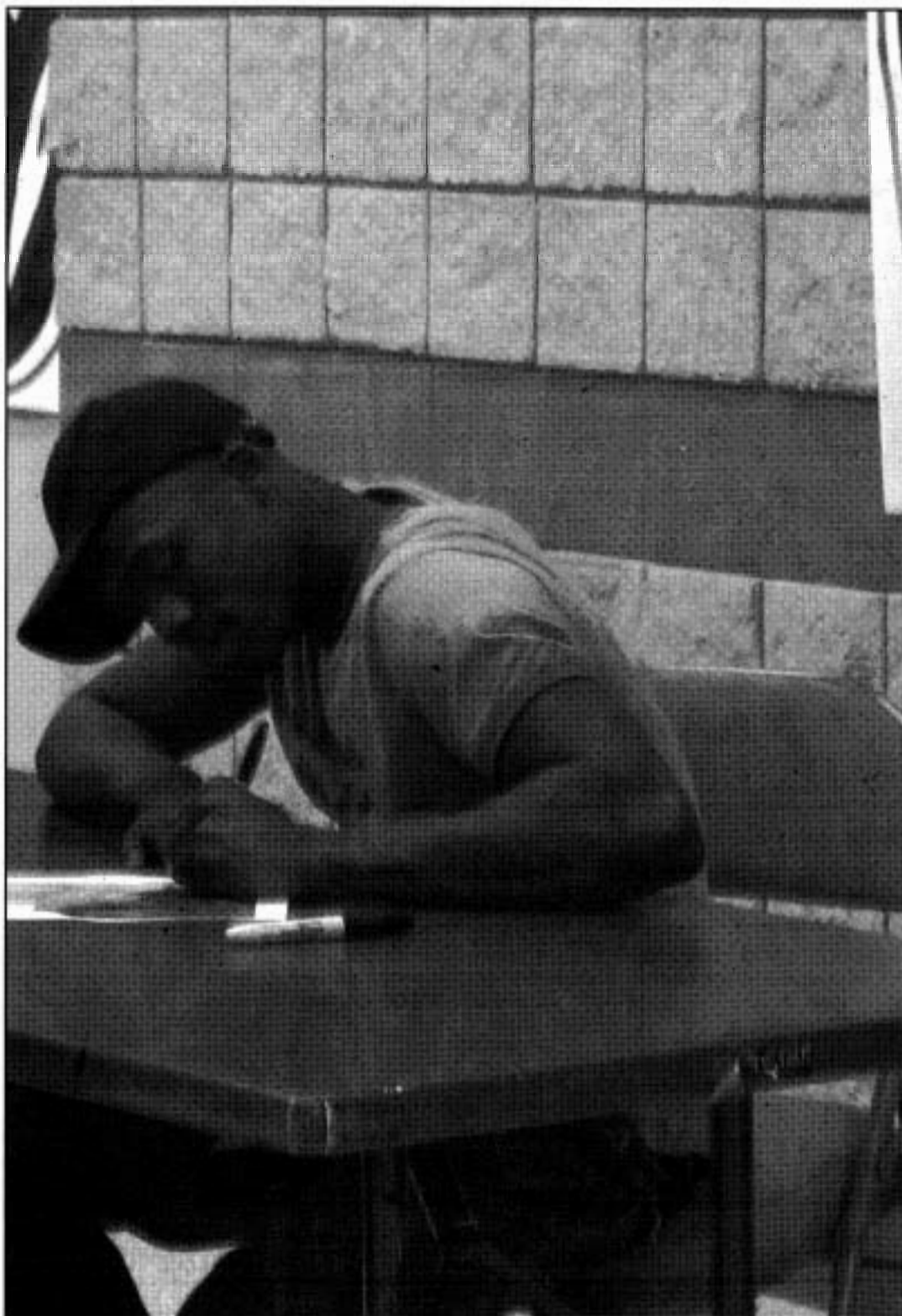
She is the one with the bikini model's body and beautiful sandy-blond hair, who never has a shortage of men flocking around her, according to the MTV Web site.

Asked about her reported fight with bulimia during the show, Trishelle replied, "I think I had a problem, but I don't think I realized it until after I watched the show.

"I think all the girls in the house had some sort of eating disorder. People would tell us things like, 'You know the camera adds 10 pounds.' It was all because of competition. All the girls in the house were so gorgeous."

One of the big misunderstandings cleared during the night was the money. "We got paid like \$230 every two weeks. We were broke, which is why we drowned in liquor every night," according to Steven.

The drinking could also explain why Alton bragged on one episode about having had a threesome, then later insisted he



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"This is the story of seven strangers, picked to live in a house to find out what happens when people stop being polite and start being real," starts every episode of "The Real World," ever since the first season in 1992.

But what is being real? And is not being polite more real than being polite? I had an opportunity to meet three people who had been chosen to live this "real" life on TV in Las Vegas. They seemed real, like you and me, but yet they were not. That's just it. Reality TV is not real, in the sense that the people in it are put on a pedestal by the viewers and by whatever TV network produces these shows.

Before going to the Q&A session, sponsored by the SGA last Thursday, I noticed myself being really nervous. I was nervous because these people, who I would be writing about, were "famous people" from the show called "The Real World." What would I say? What would they think of me, ordinary person that I am?

I know, it is stupid, but that's the way it goes. It would be the same with all those other real

the season was the big fight between Steven and Brynn. "I always get asked, 'What's up with the fork?'" Steven told the audience. "This is the most embarrassing thing; I got slapped and beaten up by a girl who is 5-4 and was held back by Arissa who weighs 105 pounds. I couldn't get past her."

Steven also got together with Trishelle, another cast member. "She totally sold me out on the Tom Green show. When asked about if we were dating on the show, she said she thought we were dating until she saw the show afterwards. She knew we

one episode about having had a threesome, then later insisted he never said that. "One our producers came to me and said 'Alton, you guys got to stop drinking so much, because you come home and don't remember anything you said the next day. You did say that,'" said Alton.

Alton, 22, from California, was the oldest of eight brothers and sisters and was always the one trying to keep the peace in the family. Originally from Ohio, Alton grew up as a "Navy brat" and traveled all over the



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"Real World Las Vegas" cast member Alton signs autographs after the Q&A session at Leone Cole Auditorium last Thursday evening.

United States, living most recently in San Diego with his mother.

During the evening the audience got to find out that a lot of things shown on television were out of proportion, and that being real was not the easiest thing to be. "You really need to

focus on whatever conversation you're having and focus on being yourself a lot more, because you have 7 to 10 people around you (filming), bright lights and all that," according to Alton.

Some of the biggest news of the night concerned Alton and

Irulan, another cast member. According to Alton, the two got together during the show and are still dating today. "We are going to be together forever, so I'm not going to rush it, but we'll definitely get married someday," Alton told the audience.

the way it goes. It would be the same with all those other real people from "Road Rules," "Joe Millionaire," "The Bachelor," or even "The Osbournes," a show that tries to make famous people more real by showing every aspect of their lives. Sure, they all go to the toilet, but come on — they still have more money and opportunities than most of the real people outside the TV.

What also makes "The Real World" or even "Road Rules" unreal is the way they are set up. There are always these dominant characters based on anything — race, gender, hometown, sexuality etc. With these stereotypes, hopefully, there will always be conflicts and diversity to keep the conversations flowing, which sometimes tend to end up with a little louder voice.

So do we really need to see all this? And what gets so many people out there hooked on these shows? Well, with the Las Vegas season, it was probably the sex in every form, the constant drinking and the huge fights and forks flying on every occasion. At least it kept me watching, because I never knew what stupid thing they would do next.

But that's just it. Nobody would watch just real, ordinary life, day after day, if there wouldn't be a guarantee of conflicts and all that other good stuff. Nobody would be watching, because there would be no cameras, not after a big fight when you don't want everybody to see your non-polite side. That is real — not the made-up stuff, with half of the show left on the cutting table at the studio.

At the Q&A session Trishelle's response to Steven, when he was badmouthing Trishelle sleeping around with famous people, was, "It's better to be a star f-cker than a fan f-cker, that's all I'm saying."

But think about it, the really real people just don't get too many chances to "do it" with famous people, and they definitely don't have fans to do it with, and that's all I'm saying.

Shooting on the streets of New York with 'NYPD Blue'

By Stephen Battaglio
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — A bloody body is sprawled on some rocks off the East River. Squad cars, lights flashing, are lined up near a pier just before the South Street Seaport.

Detective Andy Sipowicz,

with his trademark scowl, trudges past yellow police tape to get a glimpse of the grim scene. "Cut!" shouts an "NYPD Blue" director, bringing the scene to a halt.

In a heartbeat, the surly exterior of Sipowicz melts away, revealing actor Dennis Franz, who is all smiles.

It was another moment in an exhausting day of location shooting for the long-running ABC drama. But not one that was wasted.

During every break, Franz signed autographs and posed for photographs with show fans, most of them real NYPD personnel with their family members.

After 10 years, Franz hasn't tired of their praise for the way the show portrays life on the street for the department.

"It means the world to us that we're doing right by them," he told the New York Daily News during the filming a few weeks ago. When the cameras roll again, Franz snaps back into character.

He and Mark-Paul Gosselaar, who plays Detective John Clark, interview a swimmer who discovered the body while a motley group of extras look on.

Franz delivers a Sipowicz eye-roll when they walk up to the witness, who's dressed only in a Speedo bathing suit. "Can somebody get him a towel?" he says.

Franz and the other 15th Precinct members spend only five days a year shooting exterior scenes in New York. The other 195 shooting days are spent on the 20th-Century Fox studio lot or a few downtown streets in Los Angeles.

"You wouldn't realize how many times you've seen the same thing over and over again," says executive producer Mark Tinker.

A single day's shooting in New York can last as long as 14 hours, and produce just a few minutes of footage on the show.

Once the scene on the pier is done, large trucks will haul lights and camera equipment just a hundred yards south to the Fulton Fish Market for another scene.

It's a painstakingly tedious process for just a few minutes of footage on the shows. But the actors say it pays off. Simply having the Brooklyn Bridge in the background "gives us a better understanding of what we're doing," says Gordon Clapp, who plays Detective Greg Medavoy.

"NYPD Blue" was once the hottest show in prime time, almost too hot. Producer Steven Bochco's envisioned it as a gritty police show with realistic language and sexuality that would rival what viewers were getting on pay-cable channels.

Now, the audience's broad acceptance of HBO shows "The Sopranos" and "Sex and the City" has led the ABC censors to loosen the standards on "NYPD Blue" even further.

Back on location, Gosselaar and Franz bound out of their car to interview a forklift oper-

ator at the market. It is a typical scene that has been on the show dozens of times.

But it's not only about the chase. Through the years, "Blue" has stayed true to telling stories about what goes on in the hearts and minds of cops, though the audience in recent years has shifted to shows like "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" that focus on procedure and technical analysis of evidence.

Bill Clark, a 25-year veteran of the real NYPD and a co-executive producer on "Blue," isn't a fan of how the new wave of shows depict police work.

"I don't want to point fingers," he says, "but the reality is, at a crime scene you don't get that kind of physical evidence. ... We'll go into DNA and other parts of physical evidence, but basically a good homicide investigation boils down to interrogation and a confession."

Every TV show has a life span, and the cast and crew of "Blue" know that this summer's East Coast visit could be their last.

"It's a possibility," Franz says.

"I'm not ready to write it off after this year. When that time does come," he says, "it will be an emotional thing."

And then he heads off to do another scene.



New York Daily News/Mike Albans

Actors Mark-Paul Gosselaar, left, and Dennis Franz, center, shoot a scene from "NYPD Blue" under New York's Brooklyn Bridge.

Stoopid News

BIG RAPIDS, Mich. – Ferris State University has offered to house and feed a student's pet ducks if she agrees to move them out of her on-campus apartment.

The university said it would offer Ingham's birds a place to stay on campus with food, maintenance and veterinary services, free of charge. The facility would be maintained by university personnel, trained in the humane care of birds.

The 27-year-old biology major has until Friday to decide whether to accept the offer before the university again moves to evict her, The Grand Rapids Press reported Saturday.

The last time the university tried to evict Ingham, the single mother ignored the order. After the deadline came and went, the school said it would allow her and her 4-year-old daughter, Molly, to continue living there through the Labor Day holiday, then weigh its options.

Ferris State learned in May that Ingham was keeping the ducks as pets, and told her then she was violating housing policy.

Ingham said the terms of her old lease allow her to keep pet birds. The school said she entered into a new agreement on July 30 that prohibits the keeping of birds on the premises.

"We want to resolve this situation as quickly as possible, and we have been looking at all our options," university spokeswoman Shelly Armstrong said. "It would be an appropriate environment for the ducks, and she would still have the opportunity to come and visit with her daughter and have them in her life."

Ingham said she fears moving the birds to another facility wouldn't be good for them because they have been with her since March. She said she isn't sure what she will do and is considering putting up a legal fight.

HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo. – A disabled man who slipped and fell in his bathtub was trapped there for six days before he was rescued by a van driver who arrived at the house for a scheduled trip.

Bruce Ashworth, 55, who has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair, fell on Aug. 29 and was unable to reach the safety handles on the bathtub to rescue himself. His service dog, Libby, brought a phone to him, but the battery wasn't charged.

Ashworth managed to reach a cleaning spray bottle, which he rinsed out and used to drink water.

As the days stretched on, he said he drifted in and out of consciousness, and Libby would lick his face to wake him up. Ashworth said he worried he would die.

Then, on Thursday, Julie Johnson, who drives a van for elderly and disabled people, arrived to pick up the retired engineer for a scheduled trip.

When no one answered the door, she asked a neighbor to call 911, then was able to reach through a dog-door to unlock a door into the home. She found Ashworth in the bathtub, barely coherent. Firefighters arrived and took him to a hospital.

Neil Young

Greendale

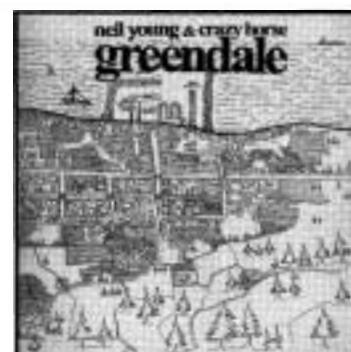
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Review by Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Neil Young has a problem. Besides the fact that he is an ornery old bastard who hasn't had the time to shave his muston chops since 1968. No, Young has a greater problem; he is perpetually living in the shadow of his old pal Bob Dylan.

Not that this **shadow** isn't justified, Dylan has been and is **the most important** American songwriter of the past four decades. It's just that, despite the great body of work Young has produced, from Buffalo Springfield to Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young to his own solo work, Young will be forever remembered as the also-ran, the second fiddle, the Garfunkel to Dylan's Simon.

However, with the recent



Courtesy Warner Bros.

release of Young's latest solo effort, "Greendale," the old man of grunge returns to the ol' acoustic and harmonic set-up (backed sparingly by long-time sidekicks Crazy Horse) and delivers the concept album Dylan never wrote.

Now granted, concept **albums** are a **funny** thing. For every The Who's "Tommy" or The Flaming Lips' "Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots," there is Tom Petty's "The Last DJ" or Lou Reed's "Metal Machine Music." But what Young has attempted to create here is more of a story, a play and a Shakespearean tragedy, rather than an album.

Greendale is the fictitious town in Young's head. It is inhabited by "about 20 to 25,000 people," not least of

them all the Green family, who become a living, breathing entity throughout the 10 songs. Their story develops with every song, and as a result each song seems to get better and better.

"Leave the Driving" is a dense murder ballad about Jed Green, and how on a dark night he kills a cop who has pulled him over. Young says in the liner notes that it's about how one fatal decision can impact the rest of your life. The moral of the story is, "try not to get too old/ the more time you spend on earth/ the more you see unfold."

This murder sets off a chain of events for the Green family that sees the character of grandpa die, and the family fall into turmoil. Fittingly, the final two songs both wrap up and define the album.

"Sun Green" is a 12-minute epic centered around the title character and granddaughter to Grandpa. Sun is an attractive and creative young girl who places huge hay bales in a field to spell out WAR with a line through it, just so the

passing planes can see it. Sun protests the politics of a large power company by chaining herself to a statue at the front of the power plant. She yells through a megaphone throughout this song and the final song, "Bring the Rain." She wants to save the planet, but there is only so much she can do.

Young, as the chief storyteller and narrator, also uses a megaphone. The interplay between megaphone and mic is powerful, and it's an added touch that creates an authenticity and a realism rarely seen in today's albums.

However, the most defining moment in "Greendale" comes in the form of the tender ballad, "Bandit," the only non-narrative song on the album. Young says, "You're invisible/ you've got too many secrets/ Bob Dylan said that/ something like that." Even when he is creating one of the most defining albums of his career, Young is still in the shadow. But maybe he's fine with that. And you should be too.

Cloud 10

Unmixed

★★★ 1/2

Review by Eric Johnson
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Superkala Records is best known for the radio-friendly energetic rock of Course Of Nature and Adelayda, but Helen, Georgia's own Cloud 10 are poised to make their own name and step out of the shadows of

for success, just the right amount of gentle lead vocals and screaming backing vocals to have you singing along with every painful word that lead vocalist Zack Hooper shares.

The definite highlight of this album is the fourth track, "Fall Away," which should immediately have an impact when it is released as a single. It should fit in nicely with the landscape of today's alternative radio, but then slowly pull away from the pack, as the depth

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barely coherent. Firefighters arrived and took him to a hospital.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark – Not knowing where to park the pony he bought for his 9-year-old daughter, Palle Brinch brought the animal home to his second-floor apartment.

He and his daughter showered the Shetland pony in the bathroom and locked it in the kitchen for the night, the Fyens Stiftstidende newspaper reported.

Brinch – who bought the pony for \$133 on Tuesday – was inspired by the Danish children's movie "Gummi Tarzan," which features a pony that lives in an apartment.

The next night, Wednesday, police rang the doorbell of Brinch's home in Odense, Denmark's third-biggest city. Neighbors had complained about the stench of horse manure and that the ceiling was rumbling.

"It had been noisy all night," Brinch was quoted as telling the newspaper. "I'll never do it again."

The horse is now in the countryside with Brinch's brother-in-law. Police said no charges were filed.

make their own name and step out of the shadows of their successful labelmates.

With their forthcoming release, tentatively titled, "Unmixed," this five-piece explosion of great rock harmony and thick guitar sound is sure to find a home on both rock and top-40 radio stations across the country.

The album begins the way all good rock albums should, with a furious barrage of drums and tight guitar riffs to immediately get your heart racing and your foot pounding. Cloud 10 blends, as if it were a recipe

from the pack, as the depth of the lyrics propels the song past its counterparts.

"Far From Over," also helps to solidify Cloud 10 as not just another one-hit wonder, with its deep bass line that provides the structure of the slow-building anthemic rock track.

For a band that was formed in 1999, Cloud 10 definitely doesn't sound like a relatively new band. I'm sure that after the release of "Unmixed," the next band that Superkala Records signs will also have some big shoes to fill.



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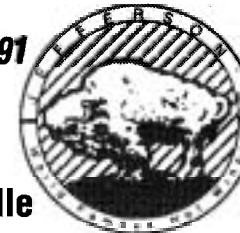
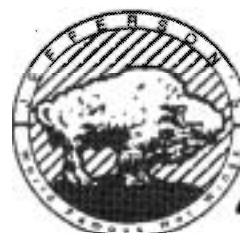
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Aries (March 21-April 20). Pay close attention to financial decisions and new business information this week. Late Tuesday changed records or an adjustment of figures may cause controversy. Respond quickly and expect officials to thoroughly examine paperwork. After mid-week a family relationship may be briefly strained by public criticism or cancelled social events. Loved ones will offer unrealistic explanations of their behavior. Remain quietly detached and wait for improvement. All is well.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Monday through Thursday cancelled business projects may trigger resentments between colleagues. Many Taureans will also encounter a sudden promotion or revised deadline. If so, expect key officials to be unusually focused on the success of advertising, publishing, information systems or research. After Thursday a long-term friend needs to vent their social or romantic frustration. Advocate an improved lifestyle. Dramatic changes will prove necessary.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Over the next few days romantic invitations will be difficult to resist. New intimacy and rekindled love are now on the rise: expect quick flirtations and passionate overtures from potential lovers. Many Geminis will also experience a sharp increase in insight and wisdom. Watch dreams and intuitions closely for indications of changing family relationships. Friends and relatives will be supportive of bold decisions: don't hesitate to propose or examine complex home solutions.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Close friends or lovers may this week test your recent statements or promises. Areas strongly affected are family obligations, tradition-

al values or loyalties between loved ones. Don't be unnerved: romantic trust, open discussions in the home and shared goals will soon return. After Thursday watch also for an official or older colleague to admit to a major miscalculation. Avoid public debate, if possible: co-workers and mentors may react poorly to constructive criticism.

Leo (July 23-August 22). Team loyalty and confidence are important to co-workers this week. Before Wednesday expect revised job roles and new assignments to trigger minor resentments. Provide concrete suggestions and gentle leadership: at present, others may need to privately re-affirm their daily goals or expectations. Later this week spend extra time with romantic partners or loved ones. Someone close may not fully understand your recent interest in new or exotic social activities.

Virgo (August 23-September 22). A difficult relationship may this week require unusual diplomacy. Over the next few days boldly expressed opinions will strain long-term friendships. Avoid the role of mediator, if possible, and remind loved ones to remain silent. After Friday new romantic involvement and sudden social invitations are unavoidable. Expect lovers and friends to offer encouragement, support and wisdom. Pace yourself, however, and wait for reliable promises. Private tensions may be high.

Libra (September 23-October 23). Business and financial demands now increase. Beginning early Tuesday, and lasting over the next 7 weeks, expect work partners to demand fast results and clarified records. For many Librans this will involve a quick reshuffling of paperwork or a revised definition of duties. Research projects and information systems may require special attention: ask for detailed instructions. Late Saturday social plans may be unexpectedly cancelled. Stay

alert.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21). Light romance and sensuality may soon create a powerful new direction in your life. Early this week loved ones may reveal a complicated love affair or physical attraction. Unattached Scorpions may find that a close friend challenges their romantic interests or offers unreliable information. Don't be derailed: over the next 8 days the emotional reactions of loved ones will eventually reveal private doubts or lingering regrets. Remain silent and wait for clarity.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21). Sentimentality is a strong influence this week. Before Thursday expect friends and lovers to be highly focused on past accomplishments or outdated relationships. Some Sagittarians may also encounter the return of an old friend or lover. If so, avoid the emotional seduction of kind words or repeated patterns: this is not a good time to ignore present romantic or social responsibilities. After Saturday financial restrictions will fade: expect fast proposals and quick rewards.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20). Early Tuesday a

close friend may be unusually distracted by a new love interest or workplace flirtation. Romantic promises are positive but also premature: expect quick social reversals over the next 7 days. Wait for reliable public statements. After Thursday new business information arrives without warning: financial availability, sources of funding or long-term profits may all be affected. Allow bosses or managers to define strategies: legal regulations may be complex.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19) Introduce positive attitudes and fresh activities into the workplace this week, if possible. Over the next 7 days colleagues and friends may feel unappreciated or challenged by new business roles. Social networks will soon prove invaluable; this is the right time to arrange group events or end the isolation of a shy co-worker. After Saturday rest, discuss home renovations with loved ones and plan short-term financial strategies. A realistic time schedule for large purchases is needed.

Pisces (February 20-March 20). Monday through Thursday a friend or lover may wish to discuss past family events. Although

group disputes are easily resolved, loved ones may still feel privately discouraged. Offer emotional support but avoid acting as mediator: social negotiations will not prove reliable. After Friday employment contracts or new business projects may be postponed. Authority figures will soon expect increased loyalty and renewed commitments. Remain attentive to small details.

If your birthday is this week ... Minor health irritations affecting the circulation, skin or upper chest will soon fade. After almost 8 weeks of fluctuating physical vitality and complex social demands, a new era of optimism, group acceptance and confidence is now due to arrive. Over the next few weeks watch for a steady increase in romantic, social and creative interests. Mid-November through January 11th also accented unexpected and passionate love affairs. Enjoy unique encounters but wait for predictable promises: new relationships may be temporarily unreliable. Controversial business practices, new employment proposals and revised career strategies are highlighted for much of 2004. Remain dedicated to established goals and all will be well.

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Sports

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Legalize gambling NOW!

By
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The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



Once again it's time to sit down and write my weekly column. It's late, it's been a long week, and I am not liking what my section turned out to look like this week. I do have a viable excuse, but I hate weeks like this.

So anyway, enough about myself. Let's talk about a touchy subject in this area: gambling. I want to gamble. I want to be able to put money on my favorite teams and see if they win. It makes things so much more interesting.

Take golf for instance. I don't know a true golf player alive that does not or has not gambled on holes. Its just something to do. Granted you lose money, but having a beer and betting a few bucks on the round never hurt anybody.

And if it's organized then it can be taxed. Tax money. Legalize gambling and tax it. Sounds too familiar though huh? Kind of like a lottery huh?

But a lot of people here think that would cause the entire populace of Alabama to go to hell. And hell is bad.

Stoudmire, Agee key for JSU

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

When Jacksonville State takes the field on Saturday against North Alabama, a lot of emotions will be in the air. The rivalry will be renewed, marking the first time Jax State will play North Alabama since the 1992 season. Jax St will be looking to improve its all-time winning record versus the Lions, which stands at 23-17-3.

Not only will the two schools renew the series, but when Gamecock free safety Dewey Stoudmire takes the field, players will recognize him on both teams. The 5-11 junior from Clay-Chalkville High School played for the Lions as a freshman.

Stoudmire sat out the 2001 football season before transferring to JSU in 2002, where he was a member of the practice squad.

"I'm ready. I guess that's why I wasn't nervous last game, because I haven't played in two years, so I was just mentally prepared," said Stoudmire.

Stoudmire had a solo tackle and broke up one pass in the winning effort against Alabama A&M and credited the team understanding that they needed a win.

Jax State took the week off, and a lot of time has passed and it seems like the Lions

68-7.

Stoudmire noted all the trash-talking and said, "They're either going to do what they say they're going to do or they're not. It really doesn't matter what they say."

"They have said things like, I need to watch my back, and you couldn't play us, but I'm not worried about that, it's just talk. My old roommate (Sherwin Lyons) who plays on the line wouldn't say that, so it's not all bad blood. But when we step out onto that field, it's going to be a different story.

Stoudmire originally signed with North Alabama as a running back and was converted to a defensive back. He wasn't comfortable with the way the Lions' coaches were utilizing his talents, so he decided to transfer schools.

The junior has had two years to get mentally prepared and insists his emotions will be put aside to concentrate on a win.

"The first thing we need to do is win for the fans and the community," said Stoudmire. "I've never been one to talk trash, but I will play and play hard, and after you're laying down, then I'll talk trash to you."

Jacksonville State will take the field Saturday at 7 p.m. in the first home game of the year. Look for Stoudmire and the rest of the Gamecocks to do all their trash talking on the

By Amado Ortiz
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When the JSU football team took the field against Alabama A&M, the Gamecocks played six players that were freshmen or redshirt freshmen.

One of those freshmen was from Taylorsville, Miss., weighing in at 170 pounds and standing 5-10. Not your normal intimidating presence, but Craig Agee is not your typical personality.

Agee had three catches for 65 yards, with one catch covering 40 yards against the Bulldogs, and he really strutted his moves in the game. Not bad for a freshman in his collegiate debut.

I caught up with Craig Agee earlier in the week and found a man not basking in the glory of an interview or worried about the fame. Agee was a man of simple things with one goal in mind: a win against North Alabama.

Amado: Who's your favorite player? Agee: Vick. Hold up let me change that. Rice. Jerry Rice. Amado: Why? Agee: 'Cause he's hard working and knows how to win.

Amado: What made you want to become a Gamecock? Agee: Well, on my recruiting visit I saw a close group of guys like a family. When I went to other schools, they were all cliqued up, but I really saw the bond at Jacksonville. My decision was already made up.

Amado: How many catches

about that. I'll do whatever Coach Crowe wants me to do. I'm a role player, and if being a cheerleader helps the team, then that's what I'm going to do.

Amado: What's it like being a freshman on the team? Agee: Kind of like high school, you know, just waiting for your chance so you can make some moves.

Amado: Whom in the NFL would you compare your talents to? Agee: Nobody, really. I try to be like a lot of people but I'm more like a role player and just get the job done. Fame isn't important to me.

Amado: What are your feelings on North Alabama? Agee: Well, I want the team to do well. It's the first home game, and we really need some fan support. I got a cousin that plays over there, so it should be interesting. They also tried to recruit me, so I want to win bad. Our team has got one heartbeat, so we'll stick together.

Amado: What's your hobbies? Agee: Well, I don't have any. I just need to concentrate on the books because that's not like high school; it's harder here, and I want to stay eligible.

Amado: What's one thing The Chanticleer readers need to know about you? Agee: Hmmm. I'm single. And I live at Fitzpatrick!

Amado: Okay that's cool. When you're not playing football you're...? Agee: Whatever they want to do.

Amado: Who? Agee: The females, of course. Amado: I

think that would cause the entire populace of Alabama to go to hell. And hell is bad. So people do this underground. Lotteries are bad and so is legalized gambling. So what about those game boards? They say that is legal, but I don't know the specifics. So many people do that though. And what about raffle tickets? Anyway, back to actual gambling.

What is wrong with placing money on the outcome of games? I can't see the problem in that yet, nor who it hurts other than the person that made a sound judgment to place that money on that particular outcome.

And back to the taxes, aren't the best taxes self-imposed taxes? Taxes that people either have a choice to pay or not to pay. America has never liked taxes and it never will. Unless they are taxes that people choose to pay - fun taxes.

Gambling is a "fun" tax, along with alcohol and cigarettes. If you don't smoke then you don't pay the tax. If you do, then you pay a few more cents for your fun. But at least it's your fun.

So why must the people who don't want to have any fun impose their beliefs on people that do? Again if I knew the answer to that question I would be rich. Rich beyond my wildest dreams. I wouldn't have to write newspaper articles anymore, but I would because I would enjoy it. And I would be able to travel to Vegas and gamble.

But like always I have rambled on for a few hundred words. Maybe this time it will give you something to think about. No one wants to fund our schools, but if you passed a few higher taxes on something like I just mentioned, money will come in.

and a lot of time has passed and it seems like the Lions haven't stopped talking trash since they beat up on Stillman,

Volleyball

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Jacksonville State fell to the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Tuesday night at Maclellan Gym in four games, 30-21, 30-27, 30-32 and 30-26.

In game one JSU was down 11-4 to the Lady Mocs before scoring five unanswered points. The Gamecocks tied the game at 14, but couldn't manage going ahead of UTC.

Jax State, who hit a mere .158 after two games, struggled in the second game as well as the first, only leading a couple of times.

After the break between games two and three, JSU (3-2) came out on fire and built a 6-0 lead over UTC (4-4). The Lady Mocs came back and scored four unanswered points, before the Gamecocks broke UTC's serve.

JSU freshman Suzi Terrell posted two kills to tie and go ahead in the game, 27-25. With the score tied at 29, Terrell had another big kill for JSU to tie it up at 30 and the Gamecocks had their final chance at game point, winning the third game, 32-30.

"We've got to learn to fight to win," said JSU head coach Rick Nold about the loss. "We played harder in game three tonight, but we have a young team and we have to take this type of match and learn from it."

Freshman Shari Weyer had 13 kills to lead Jax State, while fellow freshman Jessica Starck added 12 kills. Senior Jennifer Breneman, Christina Cary and Terrell had ten kills in the match. Freshman setter Emily Withers had 34 assists and 18 digs.

UTC's Julie Buck had 12 kills, while Kelley Smith added 11 kills.

JSU will host the Papa John's/JSU Invitational Friday and Saturday.

year. Look for Stoudmire and the rest of the Gamecocks to do all their trash talking on the field.

Golf

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Junior Matias Anselmo shot his third straight under-par round to earn medalist honors with an 11-under par 69-65-68-202 total and Jacksonville State finished just one shot behind Austin Peay at the Raising Cane Classic at the par-71, 6,964 yard Canebrake Golf Club on Tuesday.

Trailing first-day leader Jacksonville State by two shots after 36 holes, Austin Peay shot a final round 284 to win the tournament by a stroke, 844-845.

Southeastern Louisiana took third place, at 850, followed by host Southern Miss (856), Mississippi State (865) and South Alabama (865) to round out the top five.

Senior Nick Mackay finished tied for ninth with a 211, followed by sophomore Patricio Cozzoli, who finished in 15th with a final score of 213. Freshman Sung Back finished the 54-hole event with a 224 to tie for 53rd, and Matt Haglund was tied for 56th at 225.

Jax State returns to action Sept. 21-23 at the Carolina First Intercollegiate in Florence, S.C.

OOPS!!
Last week in the
Chanticleer we printed that the story
titled "...you have
two new messages..." was written
by J.
Wilson Guthrie.
That article was written by Amado Ortiz

Jacksonville. My decision was already made up.

Amado: How many catches are you going to have this week? **Agee:** Well, I don't think

they want to do.
Amado: Who? **Agee:** The females, of course. **Amado:** I get it. **Play on Player.**



JSU Sports Standings



VOLLEYBALL				OVC				OVERALL				
				W-L	PCT.	Stk.		W-L	PCT.	Stk.		
Jacksonville State				0-0	.000	—		3-1	.750	L1		Friday, Sept. 12
Austin Peay				0-0	.000	—		4-3	.571	W2		Evansville at Jacksonville
State - 12 noon												
Eastern Kentucky				0-0	.000	—		4-3	.571	W3		Belmont at Jacksonville State - 7
p.m.												
Morehead State				0-0	.000	—		3-3	.500	L3		
Eastern Illinois				0-0	.000	—		3-4	.429	L2		Saturday, Sept. 13
Tennessee State				0-0	.000	—		3-4	.429	L2		Davidson at Jacksonville State - 2
p.m.												
Samford				0-0	.000	—		2-5	.286	W1		
Murray State				0-0	.000	—		0-3	.000	L3		
Tennessee Tech				0-0	.000	—		0-3	.000	L3		
Southeast Missouri				0-0	.000	—		0-7	.000	L7		
Tennessee-Martin				0-0	.000	—		0-7	.000	L7		
FOOTBALL				OVC				PF PA Overall PF PA Stk.				
Samford				0-0	0	0		2-0	75	51	W2	E. Kentucky at Central Michigan 12
noon												
Eastern Illinois				0-0	0	0		1-0	27	0	W1	E. Illinois at Missouri 1 p.m.
Jacksonville State				0-0	0	0		1-0	9	3	W1	Tenn Tech at Chattanooga 1:05 p.m.
Eastern Kentucky				0-0	0	0		1-1	48	70	W1	SE Missouri at Arkansas State 6
p.m.												
Murray State				0-0	0	0		1-1	40	37	L1	Murray St. at Southern Illinois 6
p.m.												
Tennessee-Martin				0-0	0	0		1-1	27	83	L1	North Alabama at Jacksonville St. 7
p.m.												
Tennessee State				0-0	0	0		1-1	61	51	L1	Jackson State at Tenn St. 7 p.m.
Southeast Missouri				0-0	0	0		0-2	10	45	L2	
Tennessee Tech				0-0	0	0		0-2	27	82	L2	
SOCCER				W-L-T				PCT. GF GA				
Murray State				0-0-0	.000	0	0	—	3-1-0			Friday vs. Lipscomb at Home
Eastern Illinois				0-0-0	.000	0	0	—	3-1-0			
Samford				0-0-0	.000	0	0	—	2-1-0			
Tennessee-Martin				0-0-0	.000	0	0	—	2-1-1			
Tennessee Tech				0-0-0	.000	0	0	—	2-2-1			
Jacksonville State				0-0-0	.000	0	0	—	2-2-0			
Southeast Missouri				0-0-0	.000	0	0	—	1-2-2			
Morehead State				0-0-0	.000	0	0	—	1-2-1			
Austin Peay				0-0-0	.000	0	0	—	1-3-0			

Golf

From staff reports

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Jacksonville State shot a final round score of 311 to post a two-day total of 627 to finish ninth in the rain shortened Unlimited Potential/Bay Tree Classic on Sunday in the 36-team field at the par-72, 5,928 yard Bay Tree Golf Plantation.

After Saturday's round was rained out, the 54-hole event was decreased to 36 holes, with the final round held on Sunday.

Coastal Carolina, which led by 10 shots after the first day, finished with a 602 to claim the title, followed by James Madison (615) and College of Charleston (616). Middle Tennessee State and Arkansas Little-Rock both scored 618 to round out the top five.

Gamecock senior Colette Murray and junior Florencia Moran each finished tied for 22nd with a total score of 154. Sophomore Marilen Fernandez-Ruiz scored 157 to tie for 44th, while Shanelle Howell was tied for 80th at 157, and Sara Gallagher carded a 165 to tie for 108 in the 182-person field.

Jax State returns to action on Oct. 6-7 in the Gamecock Classic at Silver Lakes on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

JSU Individual Results:

T 22 Florencia Moran 77-77-154
T 22 Colette Murray 79-75-154
T 44 Marilen F. Ruiz 80-77-157
T 80 Shanelle Howell 80-82-162
T108 Sara Gallagher 81-84-165

Cross Country

From staff reports

SEWANEE, Tenn. — Jacksonville State competed in its first cross country meet this weekend under the new leadership of head coach Heath Dudley. JSU's men reaped the reward of a new beginning and finished fourth in the Sewanee Invitational in Tennessee, although the highlight of the day was Gamecock freshman Ashenafi Arega winning the meet with a time of 26:14.20. His time set a new JSU individual record.

"We are so proud of the way the teams carried themselves," said Dudley. "Their competitiveness and aggressiveness were great, but there still is a lot of improving to accomplish. This is huge for Ashenafi to win his first collegiate meet."

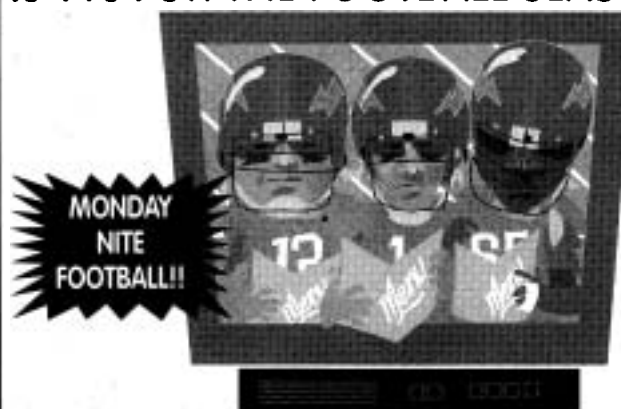
Emory University's teams won both the men's and women's races. The men had 38 points and the women placed three runners among the top 10 finishers on the day.

Emily Hulse (20:40.54) was JSU's first finisher on the women's side, and her time was also a top record finish for the Gamecocks. She placed 19th overall in the 5K.

"It was one of the toughest meets ever at Sewanee," said Dudley of the competition this weekend. "And the meets the rest of the year will get tougher and tougher. We need to carry this same intensity throughout the season. We kicked off the future of this program Saturday. JSU and the upperclassmen on these teams have finally tasted some success in cross country."

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Jermaine Miller holds Stacy Hansen in a stunt move called a cupie.

Cheerleaders fare well

JSU wins eight awards at Orlando including cheer category and fight song

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The life of a cheerleader is usually a thankless one. They cheer and yell for the respective teams at their school or university, and for the most part, receive no accolades or acclaim for it. The Jacksonville State cheer squad, however, received eight awards at the UCA College Cheerleading Camp in Orlando, Fla. in July, winning these awards over bigger name schools, such as Kentucky, Alabama and Central Florida, the host and defending national champions.

The five awards they won at the Division I-AA level were in the cheer category and for the fight song, and they took third in their sideline chant. Once they competed against all Division I teams, they won even more accolades, winning the Leadership Award, the Most Collegiate Award, the Newcomer Award and the Building Traditions Award. Cocky also came home fourth in the mascot competition. When you compare these titles to the 40 Division I schools that attended, it was a rather stunning performance for a team making its first appearance at

the event.

Coach Brittany Ishee was ecstatic about the performance of the squad. "It's huge for us to win in our first trip down there. Many of the other programs were built and had been there for a long time, so for us to win in our debut was extra special." She also stated that they changed nothing before going to camp. "No, we didn't

The two seniors on the team also were happy with the performance. Patrick Wright, in his fourth year, said, "A lot of people really stepped up. We had a guy get hurt, and we only had a couple of hours to come up with a replacement, but we overcame that and had a big camp." On the overall camp experience, he said, "We learned many more things than

have been real easy to get tired without having much practice beforehand, but we are a strong bunch and have great chemistry."

When asked about the perception of the win as it relates to the rest of the athletic program, they all chimed in. "I hope it will gain us some respect, not only among the other sports, but from students as well," said Ishee. "Hopefully people will see it and recognize that it's OK to yell and participate in the game."

"People are finally beginning to realize cheerleading is a sport," said Borgognoni. "We get the same injuries that regular athletes do, and we practice just as hard and play just as hard as they do."

The next major competition for the cheerleaders is in January as they attend the National Championships in Orlando at Walt Disney World. At the Division I-AA level, fellow OVC member Morehead State has won the last seven national titles, but with this confidence, the Gamecocks will be a force to be reckoned with.

"People are finally beginning to realize cheerleading is a sport,"

■ Angela Borgognoni
Senior Cheerleader

do anything really new," she said. "We only practiced three times over the summer, and when we went down there, we learned a few new things we were able to incorporate into our own routine, including some stunts and a couple of pyramids. Most of the things we performed were taught that day."

we did before. There are new tosses and cheers we learned to try to get the crowd into the games more."

Fellow senior Angela Borgognoni also commented on the injury problem. "There were a lot of people getting injured, with sprains, and twisted ankles and eyes poked, so I think we did great. It could

Crowe optimistic about North Alabama

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

JSU head coach Jack

pions.

No matter how familiar they seem, Crowe is optimistic about how his

goal-line stands on third-and-1 and fourth-and-inches.

"The approach on the

making abilities and his confidence as both as a runner and a passer."

The coaching staff at

Crowe is wary about the week off for his Gamecocks.

"I think that we got

defining game..

"I promise that UNA will be over here trying to make or break their sea-

JSU head coach Jack Crowe told reporters yesterday that the upcoming game versus the University of North Alabama was taking on a feeling of rivalry.

"I used to coach there and it has a flavor to it," said Crowe. "This game takes on a familiar feeling, a rivalry feeling."

Crowe was the offensive coordinator at UNA from 1978-80 when they were Gulf South Conference and NCAA Mideast cham-

they seem, Crowe is optimistic about how his defense will fare against a team that scored 68 points last week.

"We ... have found a football team that figured out how to score a bunch of points," said Crowe. "The message that comes through to me is that our defense is going to be challenged."

JSU's defense held Alabama A&M to 3 points in the season opener. The Gamecocks had two big

inches. "The approach on the [defensive] side of the ball would be one of rush and cover," said Crowe. "How can we put the rush on Will (Hall), and exactly what are our cover match-ups going to be."

Crowe praised Hall, who was recruited out of Northwest Mississippi Community College.

"(Hall) is a very accomplished quarterback," said Crowe. "I have great respect for his decision

runner and a passer. The coaching staff at JSU seems to understand the Lions' offense, but their defense is another story.

"The challenge on the (offensive) side of the ball is one that is a little mysterious to us," said Crowe. "They show a 3-3 look, with a lot of fast players on the field. I think that it would be to our advantage to run and play power football with them."

Gamecocks. "I think that we got some really good things started against Alabama A&M," said Crowe. "... what momentum we did create could be lost. We have to make sure that we maintain the positives."

The Gamecocks are also worried that with the rivalry-air surrounding the game and UNA needing a win against a D-I team, they could view this weekend as a season-

will be over here trying to make or break their season," said Crowe. "We will still be playing a very young quarterback who got through a touchy situation."

And Crowe believes with that and help from the home crowd the Gamecocks can pull it out.

"I am very excited about playing North Alabama," said Crowe. "I hope our fans can create excitement."

Soccer reaches .500

Gamecocks score two early goals and fend off defense for win

From staff reports

The Jacksonville State soccer team scored a pair of first-half goals and held off an aggressive offensive charge by Tennessee-Chattanooga in the second half to post a 2-0 victory and move the team's record to the .500 mark for the first time this season.

Freshman goalkeeper Crista Wood recorded her second straight shutout victory with five saves on the night. JSU head coach Lisa Howe said the team's defensive performance was the best of the season so far.

"We had a much better defensive effort tonight," said Howe. "We are beginning to play like we did in the preseason. If we stay healthy, we should continue to get better."

Ashley Smith started

things off quickly for the Gamecocks with a goal just 33 seconds into the game. Smith took a cross from teammate Tiffanie Stewart and found the net for the game's first points. In the ninth minute of play, Smith and Stewart were again in on a goal for JSU. The two each picked up an assist for Joanna McCaughey, who shot from the right side of the net to give the Gamecocks a 2-0 advantage.

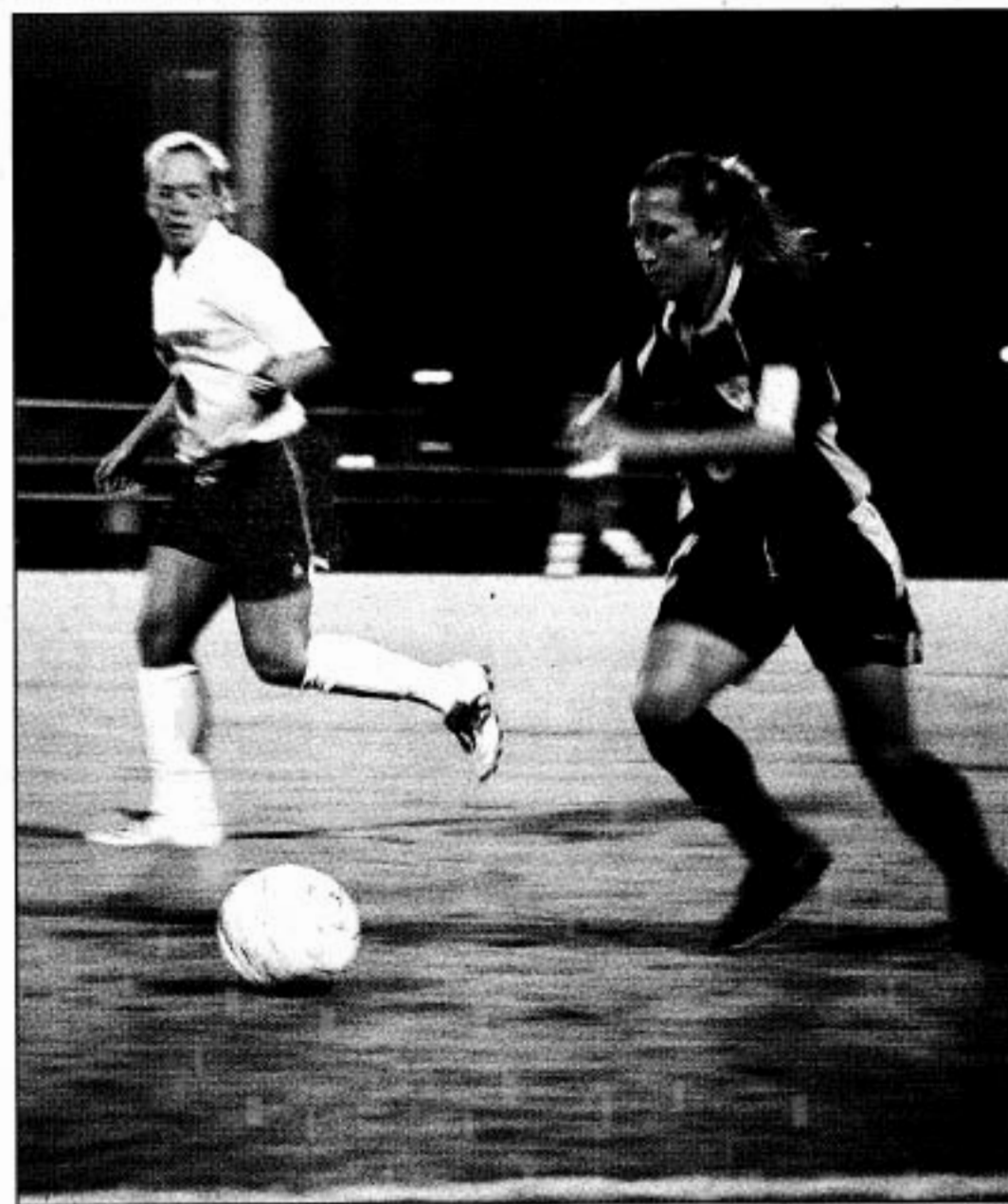
JSU finished the first half with an 11-3 advantage in shots. In the second half, however, the Lady Mocs were determined to get back in the game. UTC spent nearly the entire half on the offensive end of the field, outshooting the Gamecocks 9-2. Wood, who picked up four of her five saves in the second half, said everyone showed teamwork to earn

the shutout.

"Everyone was communicating well tonight," said Wood. "We are directing the ball back very well. The team is really working together right now and it is really starting to show."

Despite the second-half onslaught by the Lady Mocs, JSU did not yield a goal for the second straight game. The last time an opponent scored a goal against the Gamecocks was in the first half of a 1-0 loss to Birmingham-Southern on Sept. 7 on the road. The team has played a total of 243 minutes without allowing a goal.

With the win, JSU evens its record at 2-2. The team will attempt to go above the .500 for the first time this season with a home game against Lipscomb University on Friday. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.



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Joanna McCaughey chases down a UTC player Tuesday. The JSU soccer team improved their record to .500 with a win over Tennessee-Chattanooga, 2-0.